BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF RAILROADS

STATE OF WISCONSIN

In the Matter of the:

Petition of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the Establishment of a Public Crossing of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, LLC Tracks with Wagon Trail Pathway in the City of Madison, Dane County

9170-RX-316

NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION AND HEARING AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

By letter dated October 12, 2015, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) petitioned the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads (OCR) pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 195.28 and 195.29 for the establishment of a public crossing of the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, LLC (WSOR) tracks with Wagon Trail Pathway in the City of Madison, Dane County. DOT #: 5992-09-77

The issues for the hearing are:

- 1. Would establishment of the Wagon Trail Pathway crossing promote public safety and convenience?
- 2. Whether establishment of the crossing would be advisable under all the circumstances.
- 3. What warning devices would be necessary to adequately protect and promote public safety?
 - 4. How shall the costs of the crossing construction be apportioned?

The DOT shall have the burden of proof on all issues.

If this proceeding is contested, it is deemed to be a Class I proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01.

PLEASE NOTE: The Office will hold a public hearing at the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads, 610 N. Whitney Way, Room 110, Madison, Wisconsin, on January 26, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: The Office finds that the expenses which are reasonably attributable to this investigation will be assessed against the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, LLC in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 195.60, Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code § RR 2.04.

Upon reasonable notice, the Office will accommodate the needs of disabled individuals. Contact the Office at (608) 266-9536, (608) 267-1479/TTY, or (Fax) (608) 261-8220, or by writing to the Office at 610 N. Whitney Way, Room 110, PO Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

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Please contact the OCR staff with any questions, at (608) 266-0276.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, January 5, 2016.

By the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads.

Douglas S. Wood, Hearing Examiner

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